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COMMANDANT AND SERGEANT MAJOR SHARE HOLIDAY MESSAGE WITH MARINES



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos and Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Carlton W. Kent share a holiday message with Marines and families worldwide. The Corps' senior leaders ask all Marines to pause and reflect on the significant role of "America's expeditionary force in readiness" in our nation's defense. Every Marine's actions and decisions directly impact our Corps' combat readiness, and as

Marines celebrate the upcoming holiday season, Amos and Kent urge every Marine to ensure they are ready to "get into the fight."

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TODAY'S MARINE CORPS FAMILY

Gen. James F. Amos and his wife Bonnie have debuted a series of talks to all Marines and their families. They highlight the need to have ready families as well as ready Marines. The couple highlights the sacrifices of Marine families as Marines continue to deploy around the world in support of our nation's fight against terrorism.

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COMMANDANT'S PLANNING GUIDANCE: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The Corps' senior leader recently published his priorities and [planning guidance](#) for all Marines. "Although the world has changed, one thing has not: America needs an expeditionary force in readiness that is prepared to respond to any crisis," said Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos. Test your knowledge of the Commandant's Planning Guidance in this multiple-choice test, courtesy of the Quantico Sentry.

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HERO OF THE WEEK

MARINE HONORED WITH BRONZE STAR ON CORPS' BIRTHDAY



Master Sgt. Blaine M. Jones, artillery man and fire support chief for the Okinawa, Japan-based 3rd Marine Division, received the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device, America's fourth-highest awarded combat decoration, Nov. 10 for service during his deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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EVENTS

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL "GROUND DINNER"

The Marine Corps Association Foundation is hosting their annual [Ground Dinner](#) at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va., Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. The event will feature a speech by

Commandant of the Marine Corps [Gen. James F. Amos](#).
